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1. On 14 August 1950, two trains were observed about half way between Sofia and Plovdiv going in the direction of Sofia. Each of these trains was composed of about ten closed freight cars of the 40 and 8 type and fifteen to twenty flatcars. Supposedly, the closed freight cars contained about 20 soldiers each. The flatcars were loaded with trucks, motorcycles and detached artillery pieces with soldiers riding on the vehicles. The number of soldiers on the flatcars was estimated to be ten. Each train had a caboose, which was being used as an officers car. The troops were wearing the yellow piping of the Bulgarian Tank Corps on their uniforms.
2. On 15 July 1950, just outside of Plovdiv, in the direction of Burgas, two trains were seen headed in the direction of Plovdiv-Sofia. Each train was composed of about five closed freight cars of the 40 and 8 type and about fifteen flatcars. There were troops in the closed cars, but the number could not be determined. The flatcars held small tanks and what appeared to be self-propelled guns. The number of tanks and guns was not determined. Only two soldiers were on each flatcar acting as guards.
3. On 16 July 1950, a train composed of about twenty flatcars was observed at Gara Dolna Mahala on the Karlovo-Plovdiv line. The train was going in the direction of Plovdiv. The train carried no troops and only a small component of guards. While the train, on which the informant was travelling, was in the Gara Dolna Mahala station, several railroad workers were overheard to complain of the vast amount of military traffic over the Karlovo-Plovdiv line during the past few weeks and especially the past four days.
4. In early August 1950, large numbers of tanks crossed the Danube River into Lom.
5. In the latter part of July 1950, a column of tanks was observed passing through the streets of a Sofia suburb on its way to some open fields where the tanks conducted exercises and then returned through the same street. There were 16 tanks in the column. The tanks were described to be about three meters wide and about five to five and a half meters long. They carry a gun that is about two meters long and of small caliber. The gun has no muzzle-break. They are similar, but are not tanks of the T-34 type.

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6. In Plovdiv there is a motorized regiment. This regiment is composed of two units of tanks and one each of trucks and detached artillery.* There is a similar unit stationed in Samokov with identical component parts, but it is not known if this is a full regiment.
7. On 12 July 1950, a member of an unidentified infantry unit stationed in Kyustendil told the informant that his unit had been doing nothing but digging large numbers of slit trenches facing the Yugoslav border. The troops had been digging from dawn till dusk and had a time limit placed on the completion of the trenches.
8. Certain specialized motor officers and reservists of all ranks in the tank units are being called to active duty. The number is not known, but it is not large.

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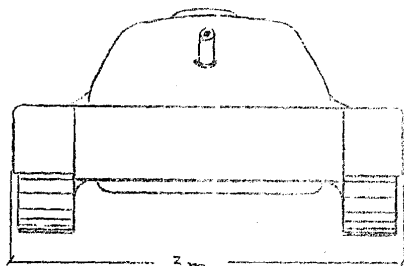
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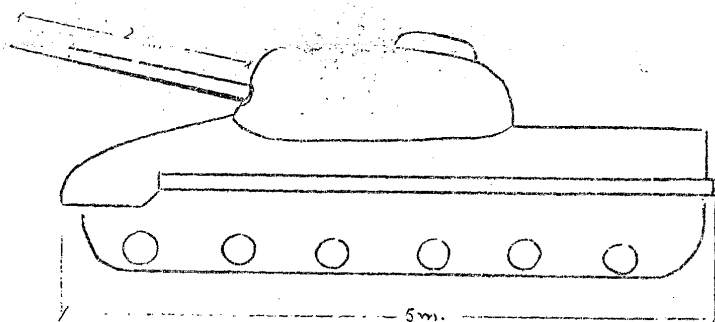
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ROUGH SKETCH.



FRONT VIEW.



SIDE VIEW.

NOTE ; EXACT NUMBER OF
BOGIES AND WHEELS IS NOT KNOWN.

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